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\$900,000. In 1889, Congress granted to the school 25,000 acres of mineral lands, 5,000 acres of which have been sold and the proceeds applied to the Endowment Fund. The probable proceeds from the remainder will be \$200,000, also to be used for endowment purposes. This amount added to the present Endowment Fund will make the endowment of the institution about \$1,700,000. The total value of property, equipment, and endowment is about \$2,600,000.

The largest building on the school grounds is the Collis P. Huntington Memorial Building. It was given by Mrs. Collis P. Huntington in memory of her husband, and is used as the academic building. Huntington Hall, also the gift of Mrs. Huntington, is two stories high, built of brick, contains twenty-three rooms and is used as a girls' dormitory. Douglass Hall and White Memorial Hall are dormitories for girls, while the dormitories for young men are Thrasher Hall, Rockefeller Hall, Cassedy Hall, and Emery Hall. All these buildings are the gifts of friends of Tuskegee.

" An Epoch-Making Talk "

The question of how to get a hearing from the dominant class, the white people of the South, presented a great problem to Mr.

Washington. A solution came in the form of an invitation to speak at the opening of the Cotton States Exposition at Atlanta, Ga., September 18, 1895. The invitation was accepted, and the address was described by Hon. Clark Howell, editor of the *Atlanta Constitution* as "one of the most notable speeches, both as to character and the warmth of its reception, ever delivered to a Southern audience. It was an epoch-making talk, and marks distinctly a turning point in the progress of the Negro race." President Grover Cleveland wrote the speaker, "If all our colored fellow-citizens do not from your utterance gather new hope and form new determinations to gain every valuable advantage offered them by their citizenship, it will be strange indeed."

In that address Mr. Washington emphasized the great need of the Negro to begin at the bottom and not at the top. In-

evitably, attention was drawn to Tuskegee as well as to its leader, and the institution won immediate support and coöperation



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